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## There Is Born A Savior

S. W. LATIMER, General Overseer

Matt. 2:1, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."

Again we are celebrating the birthday of our Savior. As the shepherds were out on the hillside near Bethlehem minding their sheep, the angels appeared unto them singing songs of joy, peace on earth, good will toward men. As we know the country around Bethlehem was the birthplace of David. (Jesus has His lineage quoted from David.) This country is semi-tropical and even though it may have been December 25, the weather was mild enough that the shepherds could stay out and guard their flock from the onslaught of the destroyers. The greater part of the Bible, or at least the messages to Israel and also the people, under grace, is to those who are termed shepherds. Somehow it pleased the Lord to break the wonderful news of the birth of Jesus to those humble shepherds. The angels descended and said, "Go ye into Bethlehem, there you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger," and they did what the angel said and found Jesus, with His mother Mary, in the manger.

It has always been strange to me how any one could reject the records that speak so plainly of the

coming of Jesus when you consider that all the prophecies of His coming seem to fit so completely and make it so plain and harmonize with all the scriptures concerning His coming.

We find in this day that so many who claim such great depth and love for Christ and His work of atonement, criticize the celebration of His birthday, or at least in the manner in which most Christians celebrate His birth. They seem to think we ought to wear a long face and be sad, but I think this should be a day of rejoicing. They say that its origin was from pagan authorities but I do not think this is correct.

The exact date of His birth may be unknown. It was not until the third century that His birth anniversary was celebrated to any appreciable extent, nor was there any general agreement regarding the date on which it should be celebrated. But searching history and Bible, we feel that the 25th day of December, in all probability, is as near correct as it is possible for us to conclude. Ancient records show that Jan. 6 and Dec. 25, however, were commonly chosen in the fourth century. The general adoption of Dec. 25, first in the West and a little later in the East, dates from the fifth century. Dec. 25 was already a festival of the sun god

Mithra, and appealed to the Christians as an appropriate date to commemorate the birth of Jesus, "The Light of the World."

Theaters and all public enterprises were ordered closed on Christmas as early as 400 in the East. In Germany the Yule feast had been celebrated in pre-Christian times. Their method of celebrating was to sing Christmas carols, the Yule log, and public ceremonies, also feasts of plum pudding, pies, and many good things that are necessary to make a real feast day. The Christmas tree is believed to have its origin in the ceremonial use of the palm tree in the worship of the goddess Isis. A palm with twelve shoots, one to represent each month of the year, was carried in the festival. The Christmas stocking comes from an Italian practice. The fairy Befana is supposed on that night to fill the stockings of the children with gifts. It is said that the naughty children only received ashes. But, at least, we feel warranted to celebrate the birth of our precious Savior. It should be a day of songs and praise to Almighty God for His unspeakable gift. We should turn our attention to making others happy with such gifts and presents as we may be able to afford. The Americans are the most hospitable people in all the world and they have adopted the method of exchanging gifts, which I think is very commendable, but most of all the spirit of sacrifice to make those happy who haven't anything to bless others with is

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## NOTICES

On Jan. 3, 1935 we will hold our quarterly conference. All members of the Church of God at Odum, Ga. are requested to attend.—Y. E. McNear, pastor; Mrs. Gladys Roberson, clerk.

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The Church of God at Clinton, S. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Ethel Clemon and Esther Crane. If not heard from by next quarterly conference, their names will be dropped from the roll.—J. W. Hannah, pastor; Mrs. Sarah Gann, clerk, 23 Beauregard St., Clinton, S. C.

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This is to notify all who will be interested, especially the Cairo district, that every one has a cordial invitation to attend the fifth Sunday meeting at the Church of God tabernacle at Bainbridge, Ga. on Troupe St. The neighboring districts are invited. Come and bring some one with you. Pray much for this meeting. Come and let's enjoy a feast from the Lord. — G. E. Poole, pastor.

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Brother James Cross of Sanford, Fla., sends this splendid suggestion for obtaining subscriptions. Study it closely and then get to work.

First, have your local Y. P. E. appoint one or more responsible persons to canvass the city and obtain a list of the names and addresses of all the invalids, either cripples or those confined to their beds, such as paralytics or patients with rheumatism. Second, let some responsible and influential Y. P. E. member visit the business men or wealthy class of people, show them the Lighted Pathway, explain what it is and tell them to select a name from the list of invalids and give a yearly subscription to the paper as a Christmas gift to this shut-in. Third, be sure to explain clearly the value of the Lighted Pathway and let the donor know that he can make poor unfortunates happy by putting into their hands something like this to read. Fourth, after subscription is obtained, the Y. P. E. should send the one to whom the subscription is given, a Christmas card bearing the name of the donor.

This is to notify the churches in Alabama that Brother A. L. Burroughs is appointed home mission treasurer. His address is Pratt City, Ala. All ministers who are pastoring, please see that your church or churches raise an amount equal to five per cent of all tithes paid in each month. Send one half of said amount to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, and the other half to the state mission treasurer whose name and address is given above. We will have a checkup on all churches at our state assembly, so please don't come short on this or you will feel bad. C. T. Dunn is appointed state superintendent of the Y. P. E. of Alabama. His address is Alabama City, Ala.—Yours for service, G. C. Dunn, state overseer of Alabama.

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To the Y. P. E's of Illinois: As Brother Goins has appointed me superintendent of the Y. P. E. of this state, by the help of the Lord and you dear, faithful Joshuas and Calebs, and other states praying one for the other, we will be able to make a mark this year for God and the Y. P. E. To do this we must be as one. I will go more than my part, you go more than yours, and then God will bless all of us with a great increase for the Y. P. E. Dear pastors of each district, put in the best and liveliest for the district superintendents, and you pastors of each church, put in the livewires as presidents. It takes power on a trolley wire to run a street car and a leader without fire in his soul will kill the other fire. Come on, be a Caleb to the Y. P. E. Fathers and mothers, give us a boost. If you will help us today we will be strong tomorrow but if you push us back we will be tomorrow like a child that has been locked up for years and then turned loose in the world, we will not know what to do. And, let us help you. One way you can help us is by taking the Lighted Pathway. We appointed two Gideons to look after our paper at Eldorado and they tell me they have forty-eight papers sold for the next month. Y.P.E's, come on, let us go over the top this year. They say Illinois did less for the paper last year than any other state. Let's show them this year that Illinois is working for Jesus. Let us co-operate and follow the president. Presidents, get on fire; see that the secretaries report regularly each month to the district

superintendent. District superintendents, let us work together; see that two Gideons are appointed to look after the Lighted Pathway. Secretaries, report the number of members and how many papers are sold in the Y. P. E. to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Forester, 1309 First St., Eldorado, Ill. We are going to have district conventions for the Y. P. E., also a state convention, this year. Let's get together and prepare for a great year. District superintendents, order yourself a book, "How to Organize and Conduct a Y.P.E." and see that each president has one, also as many others as will take one. Order them from the Church of God Publishing House. Send me your address at once as I have more to say to you. Pastors, church workers, and Y. P. E., work hard and accomplish something for the Lord this year.—Jack Wallace, superintendent of Y. P. E. of Illinois, 1205 Byrne St., Eldorado, Ill.

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To whom it may concern: This is to give notice that S. L. Cantrell of Crandall, Ga. has been notified to cease all ministerial activity in the Church of God until he meets the state board of the Church of God in Georgia to answer charges brought against him of conduct unbecoming to a minister in the Church of God, etc.—J. P. Hughes, overseer of Georgia.

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The district convention for the Eldorado district will convene at the Church of God in Eldorado, Ill. Dec. 28-30, beginning Friday 6:00 p. m. The Y. P. E. convention will be held in connection with the church convention. The young people will have a space of time each evening from 6:00 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. We invite all the young people to attend. Johnnie Patterson, district president, will have charge of the young people's program. The state president, Jack Wallace, will also be present. We are expecting our state overseer, J. L. Goins, to be with us. We will have a watch night service the last night in the year and are expecting to begin a revival at this time. We ask your prayers for this revival and district convention.—J. R. Thomas, district overseer.

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To those who wish to write me:  
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# THE Church of God Evangel

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There will be no Evangel next week.

## EVANGEL DRIVE

Subscribe or renew for the Evangel and remember that it would make a suitable Christmas gift for some shut-in, or those who are not able to subscribe for it. The subscription list moved up several hundred last week. We especially insist that a greater effort be put forth to secure new subscribers.

## TEACHER'S QUARTERLY

The Teacher's Quarterly will be ready to reach you in plenty of time before the first Sunday in the new quarter. Do not overlook the importance of having these much needed helps at hand. Price, single copy, 20c; five or more copies to one address, 17c per copy.

## JOB PRINTING

We would like to figure with you on your job printing. If you contemplate the publication of song books, either with or without music, books or booklets, statements, billheads, or letterheads and envelopes, we are prepared to give you fair prices and the best of workmanship. Write us for estimate.

## NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE

The brick work is all in except fire walls and fire places. The structural steel is all up and the framing for the roof is being put in this week. Please remember us in prayer that we may have the Lord's blessings and assistance in this work. Business men of the city and

traveling men are giving us many favorable comments concerning the size and construction of this plant. They say it is one of the best in the southland.

## MINUTES

Never before in the history of the Church have Minutes sold so fast. There will be no reprint of these Minutes this year, the book is unusually large. If you desire a

copy you had better order at once before they are entirely sold out. Price, 35c single copy; \$3.50 per dozen.

## PRAYER HOUR

State overseers and pastors continue to send letters and lists of names pledging themselves for one hour of prayer daily. Many say they have already been benefited in the churches as a result of the prayer hour.

# Christ The Lord

E. C. CLARK, Editor

Text: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

## The Manner of His Birth

The promise of a Savior who would redeem mankind and bruise the serpent's head, spans every age from the Garden of Eden, or human conscience, unto Calvary. This Savior was to be preeminently the seed of the woman, who was to come as an innocent sufferer, in that God made a covenant or promise with her. Gen. 3:15. He is however called the "seed to whom the promise was made" in Gal. 4: 4, therefore, His birth and manifestation in the City of David, was in complete fulfillment of both the Edenic and Abrahamic covenants. This promise or covenant was first made with Eve and confirmed with Abraham. Gen. 3:15; 17:19. These covenants must, however, await

the "fulness of time," or the day and opportunity of God's marvelous workings.

Saints and sages waited through many generations and centuries until finally "the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin named Mary." Luke 1:26, 27. "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God, and behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus," vv. 30, 31. "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? and the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God," vv. 34, 35.

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### Micah's Prophecy Fulfilled, Micah 5:2.

"And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda," v. 39. "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed," Luke 2:1. "And all went to be taxed, every one into his own country; and Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: and so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn." vv. 1-7.

### Adoration of the Shepherds

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night, and the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid; and the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord; and this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger; and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." vv. 8-14.

### The Purpose of His Birth

1. To fulfill the law, Matt. 5:17; Gal. 4:4. 2. To become a curse, Gal. 3:13. It pleased the Lord to bruise him, Isa. 53:10. 3. That he through death might destroy him who had the power of death. 4. To deliver from death. 5. To bruise the serpent's head. The vital life or moral for which Satan stands is here had in reference; not a theory, not conduct alone, but his very sympathies and desires. This head is evil desire or enmity of Satan against God and toward mankind. It is the power of darkness, the moral desires, likes or dislikes of the prince and power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience, Eph. 2:2. To destroy this evil influence, its moral effect upon the creation, that the creature

being freed from it might be free indeed, purchased from the bondage of sin and Satan, redeemed unto fellowship with God and the high morals and principles for which God and right stands, Christ came.

The purpose of the birth of Christ cannot be separated from His death. To be our Savior He must needs die. To become Lord over us He must needs purchase us from the power and bondage of sin. "Lord" means master or owner. The apostle tells us that "to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are," Rom. 6:16. 1. That Christ might be Lord or owner of us He purchased us. 2. That we might be His obedient servants and He our rightful and honored Master. He transforms, renews, and frees us from the power of evil, by bruising its head in us.

"Bruise" means to crush, to trample down. This Christ does in us. The result is that sin, the wrong for which we have been standing, is destroyed and sin loses its dominion over us. By crushing Satan's power over the creation, His head is bruised, his superior authority, which he seeks to exercise over us, is destroyed. It was to depose and dethrone Satan in the lives of the creation that Christ gave His life.

### The Means of Christ's Attack

In a manly way. He does not seek to sneak behind to bite the heel, but strikes at the head, at the vital life and that which the serpent seeks most to protect. In bruising or striking at the serpent's head, Christ strikes at his highest ideals, at the very principle of evil or wrong itself. If evil may be disposed of then right must prevail. To insure the establishment of righteousness, Christ died to redeem, to wash us from our sins, to purify and to make us a peculiar and holy people. In this way and this alone can the serpent's head be bruised. By means of death Christ has brought salvation unto the human race and the great moral force of righteousness is crushing and bruising Satan's head by the divine process. Principalities, thrones, and dominions have been spoiled and all power has been given unto Christ both in heaven and earth, therefore, ultimate victory will be Christ's in due time.

### Satan's Attack

"Thou shalt bruise his heel." Sa-

tan can do no more than attack the physical man in Christ. The serpent's wound was only material and physical. Christ was put to death in the flesh but quickened by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18. Christ would submit to the cowardly attack of the serpent from behind, striking at his heel or physical life, that by means of death He might (1) crush the serpent's power of death, (2) and regain possession of the spiritual and eternal. Christ's manly attack in righteousness and boldness at the head of and against all evil is in great contrast to the cowardly, deceptive serpent lying in wait to deceive us is here portrayed by bruising the physical or human side of Christ.

### God's Gift

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "And this is eternal life, that we may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." It was to give the creature the knowledge of God as well as the life of God for which Christ's birth and sacrifice in death was given. The necessity for such a sacrifice and Savior was and is everywhere evident. The redemptive scheme particularly displays (1) the Father's love for the creation, (2) the love of and obedience of the Son Godward, (3) the sinfulness and weakness of the creation. Such a supreme gift is both thank and praiseworthy. Shall we not join in adoration, praise, prayer, and thanksgiving unto God for His unspeakable gift? Such is Christmas in spirit and in principle.

### SOME PLACES TO WORK

There are some opportunities in the state of New Mexico for those who like new fields where the Church of God has not been preached that we know of. Did you read that notice written by Sister Snipes, Clovis, N. Mex.? We need a church there. It is a nice little town and surely God has some people there. We have a call for a strong man at Clayton, N. Mex. Brother, here are two good places and no Church of God. Government preaching is needed in these places. If you are out of work, write us before coming so we can have some understanding. —Yours in the Master's service, M. E. Drake, state overseer, Carlsbad, N. Mex., Box 71.



# CHRISTMAS

By BESSIE THOMAS

Christmas is once more upon us. Of all birthdays, that of Jesus stands out preeminently as the most important, and as being the most worthy of commemoration. Nations honor the memory of their great men by making the anniversary of their birth a legal holiday, and in this way help to keep alive in the minds of those to whom such names are only associated with historic facts, the personal heroism and kindly deeds of those who were benefactors of their race. Names of these great men may have passed from the scene of action and to a great extent are forgotten, but the name of Jesus is as fresh as ever, and is far more powerful today than it has ever been. It is the name we feel it to be our highest privilege to proclaim. The birthday of our Lord, however, is not celebrated by only one particular nation but by an increasing number of peoples, so that, contrary to the usual tendency by which the fleeting years lessen the ardor with which the lives of national heroes are remembered and honored, Jesus is securing greater recognition as time rolls on.

Saint Luke in his version of the gospel gives a detailed account of the surroundings and ultimate discovery of the Savior of the world, who had been tenderly laid by His mother in a manger of a stable because of there being no room in the inn. "There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. \* \* \* And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they

that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

The significance of this, the greatest discovery in all ages, past, present, and future, is seen in the words of the writer when he states that the shepherds found Mary, and Joseph, "and the babe" that was lying in the manger, an unlikely place, indeed, to find the Savior of the world. This old world has witnessed many startling discoveries, many of them in very recent years. For instance, Columbus finding this great continent of America, the falling of the apple and Isaac Newton's revealing to the world the law of gravitation, the bubbling-over kettle on the stove and Isaac Watts' discovery of the power of steam, Thomas A. Edison's filling the world with the brilliancy of the electric light and unheard of power, telephonic communication, Marconi and wireless telegraphy, and many other inventions and discoveries, all of which have proved a boon and blessing to mankind.

The Gift discovered by the shepherds of the Judean hills transcends in importance each and every one of the aforementioned blessings that have come to the human race. Christmas will find gifts placed by loving hands that will bring joy to their finders at being remembered by loved ones. It should bring a thought, however, that the shepherds found the Babe Christ in a manger. St. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Praise God for the thousands that have found Him as a personal Savior since Christmas of one year ago. Christ who gave to earth the greatest message it had ever heard: love for hate; peace for war; hope for despair; redemption for all. Around His humble manger bed our thoughts linger afresh, and from His divine personality the world is lit with a new faith. Life's

common tasks are glorified by His human touch, and the supreme dignity of His being is man's highest standard of conduct. From out of that compassionate heart flowed rivers of virtue. The lame were made to walk, the blind were made to see, and to a dead and dying world He became the resurrection and the life. Today the charm of His presence banishes all gloom and surrounds the earth with love and affection, and because He gave generously we also symbolize in our tokens one toward another, and Christmas is merry indeed because Christ has come.

In the divinity of Jesus the Christian's faith finds its sure foundation, God's gift to earth, God incarnate; and to a fast changing age, His humble birth, His triumphant death, still commands our adoration, and all strife is subdued by the proclamation of His coming, "Peace on earth, good will to men." The principles laid down by Him, who had nowhere to lay His head, are the plumb line of equity and justice.

What was it that distinguished His message to the race, from all other religious teachers, and made it infinitely more fruitful and enduring? There is one word which will sum it all up, and that is "love," love of a different kind from anything which the world had known. This love was made manifest in His every act and in the price He paid upon the cross even for those who were His enemies.

Almost twenty centuries have rolled into eternity since that hissing, blinded crowd cried, "Away with him, release unto us Barabbas," though the Bible tells us He is altogether lovely, faithful, true, just, meek, merciful, patient, compassionate, benevolent, and humble, and we know He is, and all these aspects of His wonderful character help us to realize what a wonderful gift God gave us when He gave us His Son. Jesus is preeminently the hope of the world. The storm tossed mariner finds consolation in the mention of the name of Him who stilled the tempest. The footsore wanderer takes courage in the thought that in his Father's house there is enough and to spare, and says, "I will arise." Hope comes back anew to the widow's heart in remembering "He is a father to the fatherless." The

heaven born message of the Christ meets the need of the world at all points and satisfies the cravings of every heart when accepted. You remember there was not room in the inn. Myriads of people today will not find room in their hearts and lives for Jesus. The question that most concerns our readers is whether He has been found by them personally, or to be more correct, have they been found by Him? He came to seek and save that which was lost and if the awful loss of the soul is realized, the finding of the Christ as a personal Savior will fill the heart with joy and peace and Christmas, 1934, cannot help but be the happiest and best ever experienced. Let us this Christmas bring to Him our best gifts and reward His tender, wooing love and long patience, by dedicating ourselves afresh to Him and to the great purpose for which He died on the cross. The writer wishes one and all a merry Christmas.

### SKETCHES OF OUR CHRIST

My heart has been a sad one o'er a week or more;

While I've thought and read of my Savior who dwells on heaven's shore.

I seem to see the things He did when He was here below.

Although He was the Son of God He was not treated so.

At first we find Him as a babe in the manger laid,

And worshipped by the men of God there where the cattle stayed.

King Herod was a wicked king and wanted to kill our Christ,

So to escape this awful death He was taken to Egypt by night.

He was baptized in river Jordan by His own cousin, John.

The heavens opened, the Spirit came while God was looking on.

These words God spake from heaven, to every one,

I am well pleased with my beloved Son.

He was led into the wilderness for forty days and nights

And there tempted by the devil but our Savior won the fight.

The devil had to leave Him, he found Christ would not sin.

The angels came when he left Him and ministered unto Him.

He started to preach repentance to all who were out in sin

And called to Peter and Andrew to come and be fishers of men.

A leper came unto Him begging to be cleansed.

Jesus said, "I will, be thou clean;" the

leper then was cleansed.

I can not tell all in detail for it would take too long.

He healed the sick, He raised the dead, forgave all manner of wrong.

The years passed on, the time was almost here

For Christ to die on the rugged cross, for you and me.

He and His disciples were having their farewell meet.

He taught them how to eat and drink and wash each other's feet.

He told them He would be betrayed by some one who was there

And then they sang a hymn before He left for prayer.

He went into the garden and there knelt down to pray,

That you and I might be sanctified while in this world today.

Judas came and kissed Him. "Hail, Master" is what he said.

The multitude took hold of Him while the disciples fled.

He was taken to Calaphas where two false witnesses came.

"He's guilty of death," some one cried, while others cried the same.

They spat in my Savior's face and smote Him with their hands.

There Peter with an oath declared, "I do not know the Man."

The morning dawned and Christ was bound by those in sin,

Led away to Pilate, the governor, then, to be tried again.

"Barabbas or Jesus must I release to you?" Pilate cried.

"Release Barabbas, we want Jesus crucified."

Pilate washing his hands declared he was innocent tho' Christ died.

He scourged and then delivered Him to be crucified.

The soldiers then took Jesus out into "Common Hall."

A scarlet robe was made to wear while He was in the hall.

A crown of thorns was plaited and placed upon His head;

They bowed the knee, mocked at Him and smote Him on the head.

The purple robe was taken off, He wore His own again;

Was led away to Calvary to die because of sin.

It was the third hour of the day, preparations made at last,

In His dear tender hands and feet, nails were driven fast.

Vinegar mingled with gall was given Him to drink.

He refused to drink it after tasting it, I think.

The sixth hour came. It was so dark the

people could not see.

They heard Christ cry, "My God why hast thou forsaken me?"

When He yielded up the ghost the temple was rent in two.

The earth did quake, the dead came forth and were as me and you.

The soldiers then believed that He was Christ, God's Son.

But why lament, our Christ was dead, the dirty deed was done.

Joseph took the body and laid it in His new tomb,

And rolled a stone against the door that was removed soon.

An angel rolled away the stone and sat thereon, you know;

His countenance was like the lightning, his raiment as the snow.

The keepers shook for fear of him and were as dead men, too;

While he sat there and looked at them, they knew not what to do.

The Marys came unto the tomb, their Christ they did not see.

The angel said, "He is not here, he's gone to Galilee."

He appears to the eleven disciples after He has risen.

Instructs them what to do, then ascends up into heaven.

Composed by Jane Curry Prichard,  
Mallory, West Virginia.

### SCHOOL MEANS MUCH TO ME

I praise the Lord for being a student in B. T. S. I cannot explain in words how much the school means to me already. Pray that I may be a blessing to all and that my life will be a life of service to all.—Exelma Holley, South Carolina.

### VICTORY

I was doubtful whether the Bible was even right until October. I was almost an infidel. A praise service held at the B. T. S. at the beginning of school exercised my faith to overcome this.

Before the month was over I had found God and had a determination to press on. Nov. 18, 1934 I received the Baptism. We had a number at the altar. While we pray I want every one of you to pray for the Bible School and pray most of all that God will send us a revival. There are many hungry Bible students, and not only students but many local people who are hungry for the blessing. Since I've received the blessing I don't see why everybody can't have it. It surely is worth laboring for. Pray for me.—Robert James Evans, Bradshaw, W. Va.

## Past, Present and Future

### TAX AND TACKS

A farmer shipped a 470 lb. hog to market. Some time later he received a statement and a check. The statement listed the expenses set against the hog—broker's commissions, shipping charges, etc. The check was for three cents—all that was left after the rest of the claims had been met.

Idaho potatoes, selling on the Arizona market at \$1.50 per 100, are reduced 15 cents for commission at the Arizona end, 98c for freight from Idaho, 15c for commission at the Idaho end, 7c for the bag, 15c or more for harvesting and delivering to the jobber. Out of the \$1.50 selling price that leaves the grower exactly NOTHING. If he had known what to expect he would not have bothered to dig his potatoes or he would have followed the course of a certain Colorado farmer who last year fed 80 tons of potatoes to his livestock. The farmer always gets fleeced yet he goes ahead plowing and sowing, hoping that maybe the market will be better next year. He does not seem to realize that his fleecing is systematic, not accidental—he is the perennial victim of a gambling game in which the gambling devices are set to play against him every time and he CANNOT WIN.

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During the war years when prices were at their peak, a Colorado fruit grower put his address in some of his bushels of peaches. An Ohio purchaser had paid \$4.75 for a bushel of fruit. A Texas fruit vendor paid \$4.50 per bushel and re-sold them for 30 cents per dozen. That year the grower received 90c per bushel for his fruit, the highest price he had ever known, but how far reduced from the retail selling price! The same grower in an earlier season had received 3 cents per packed box (22 lbs.) as his net returns. Many who had shipped carloads of fruit did not receive enough to pay the freight on their shipments. Thousands of fruitful trees were pulled up by the roots, destroyed as worthless. Last year the grower mentioned received 5 1-2 cents per bushel (45 lbs.) as an average price for his crop of fruit.

An upstate New York farmer shipped a carload of beans to a New York City commission firm. He received exactly \$69.00. He complained to the United States Department of Agriculture who investigated and found that the "commission men" had kept \$260 in addition to their legitimate commission. The transaction had been covered up by crooked bookkeeping. The investigators found that the "commission broker" graft probably costs farmers in the New York area more than \$1,000,000 per year.

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The grafters maintain fine homes with elegant furnishings and every convenience, hired servants, expensive cars, freedom to travel, play or read. Their children go to college intent on social enjoyment, parties, sports and diversions. The honest producers struggle against mortgages, taxes and other debts which they are too honest not to try to pay; labor long hours not able to allow themselves even short periods of liberty; skimp, worry and plan. Then when they take their produce to market to realize something on their labor every grafter helps himself, the producer takes what little is left and skimps to be able to buy seed for another crop—for the grafter.

### ANOTHER GOOD REVIVAL IN DETROIT

We will not be able to describe or tell you of how God has been working in our midst. On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, Sister Mary Denny of Middletown, Ohio, arrived in Detroit filled with zeal and the Holy Ghost fire burning in her soul. From the very first service she had favor with God and the people fell right in line with her and we all worked together. It was wonderful how that good unity could be felt as she admonished us to stand together in prayer and fasting for an old time revival.

The devil tried to hinder by attacking her voice but God gave the victory. Ten were saved, thirteen sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost for which we are praising the Lord. During her stay we re-organized the C. of G. Y. P. E. and had some of the finest pro-

grams we have ever had.

Sister Denny's messages were enjoyed by young and old and many people came in from other churches and shared this great feast with us. The effects of this meeting even got into the school and the teachers and scholars tried to explain to each other what this was all about, but God gave us a witness and one of our young girls got up and explained that this was not a trance but the Holy Ghost. Thank God for our young people who will hold out the light.

Among those who were blessed in this revival was one brother who had sought the Holy Ghost for sixteen years. One night he was slain under the old time power and got his Baptism. This revival lasted only three weeks. We were greatly favored with nice weather and our people seemed not to tire. Our interest grew continually and our only complaint is that she could not stay right here with us. Sister Denny is a tireless worker. May God bless her. She has a welcome invitation to come again. Any one needing a revival will do well to get her. She surely is a great worker with young people. Our people are encouraged and say this is one of the best revivals they have ever had. Please pray that God will smile on us and give us souls in this wicked city.—Mrs. D. G. Phillips.

### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To the saints scattered abroad, greetings: I wish to express my appreciation thru the little Evangel for the many good letters and for the abundant supply of papers received from the different states. I certainly extend my thanks and appreciation to those sending in the subscriptions; and to you who have written me, just be patient and just as time permits I shall be delighted to write you.

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and determined to go all the way. The little Evangel certainly is an inspiration to me. The sermons and testimonies are of that variety that any one can plainly see that the good Lord is feeding His children with a well-balanced ration. Please pray for me that if I am not just what and where God wants me I will get there.—Your brother in Christ, Earl Johnson, Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Ala.



## Specials

**ALBEMARLE, N. C.** — I praise the Lord for our little church at Providence and for my place in it. Our church has just started but it is growing steadily. We started with ten members but we have sixteen now. Brother Lowder is our pastor and we all like him. He surely does preach the Word. We request the prayers of all the saints for our little band. We have Sunday School every Sunday. There are about one hundred on roll.—Mrs. Della Mabry, clerk.

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**WELLFORD, S. C.**—Dear saints in Christ: A meeting is in progress at Tucapau, S. C., at the church of God. The Lord is good and is satisfying hungry hearts. The meeting began Nov. 6 and I can't say when it will close. Thus far ten have been saved, five sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Please pray much for us that God will continue to bless according to His will. Brother O. H. Tollison is pastor of the work at Tucapau. Brother Walter Murray is assisting Brother Tollison in the revival. The Lord meets with us every night. I am one who received my Baptism in the meeting and I can say that it truly is better felt than told. Oh, how I praise God for the blessing. God is also healing the sick. I especially remember one sister who was healed of acute appendicitis and shouted the victory. Keep praying saints.—A sister in Christ, Miss Ollie Bradley.

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**ORANGEBURG, S. C.**—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here conducted by Brother W. D. Childers. Six were converted, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. God was with us in every service. Brother Childers' coming here has strengthened the church and we have been blessed. May the dear Lord bless him wherever he goes. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. are moving along fine. Pray for us here at Orangeburg.—Porter M. White, pastor.

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**ROYCE CITY, Tex.**—On Oct. 29th we began our revival here at Dry Creek with Brother O. Gregory in charge. The preaching has been wonderful, the congregation

fair. It seems we have struck a rock but God is still on His throne. Praise the Lord, He still hears and answers prayer. Brother Gregory set a church in order with eight members for which we praise the Lord. There are many hungry souls here, some are under conviction. Pray for us that we may help them find God. I had been praying for a Church of God here and God answered my prayer. Bless His dear name! He will remember His own. I desire the prayers of every child of God. I want to be somewhere working for my Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Trudie Tale.

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### SHINING FOR JESUS

**LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.** — Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this morning finds me on victory's side with the joybells ringing in my soul. I'm truly happy on the way, bless His name. I started in this way four years ago and am determined to go all the way by His help. The dear Lord has greatly blessed in many ways. His goodness is beyond expression in print, however, I'll give a few hints of some things He has done for me.

I was called to preach the Gospel—not a gospel—about two years ago and I have been trying to win souls for him ever since. God has given me many souls for which we thank Him. For sometime now I have been stationed at one place, here at Lawrenceburg, on account of my husband's afflictions caused from a car wreck. We have been taking care of the work here. The Lord has greatly blessed. The Lord wonderfully answered my prayer last night and blessed. Oh such blessings! I feel the effect now, O glory! I didn't even have to open my Bible in preaching, He gave the scriptures as He wanted them. Conviction fell upon hearts and many came for prayer. The work is shining for God here.

We sincerely covet your prayers that we may live a pure life and lift Jesus higher each day, stand for The Church and teachings anywhere we are. My husband has been healed in answer to prayer from the prayer room and the saints abroad. If Brother G. W. Campbell sees this please write to Bennie Davis, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Rt. 5.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. B. H. Clark.

### FLA. BLESSED WITH ANOTHER NEW CHURCH

**NEWBERRY, Fla.**—I thank God for permitting me to attend a revival at Newberry, Fla., at which time seven were saved and sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was held seven weeks. Praise God. As one of the converts who received the sweet Holy Ghost, I praise God for the untiring efforts of Brother W. F. Hudson and Brother Earl Hammonds to win lost souls for Jesus and to start a church. Brother Howard Griffin set a church in order Nov. 16th, and with the efforts of those saved and the ones leading the meeting we are on the way to our goal to build a church so that the Lord's work may continue to thrive in this town. Pray for us that the Lord will help us in getting a building. Also that we will be soul winners for the Lord and ever stand humble before God.—Mrs. Gertrude Adams.

## Testimonies

### DIVINE HEALING!

**HAZEL GREEN, Ky.**—I praise the Lord for the good Church of God at Hazel Green. Although the devil has fought us so hard at this place, the Lord is still blessing His people. When we set the church in order at this place Sister Junie Hollon joined the church, she being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. When she joined the church one year ago she had a cancer in her left side. She didn't doctor it, neither did she have the saints to pray for her until she got to where she could not eat. She was so weak she fell in her kitchen and became unconscious.

The neighbors were so scared they called the doctor. He came and made an examination and told them Sister Junie had fallen from being so weak and that cancer in her side had gone thru her system, that it could not be cured and she was in a serious condition. The place was as big as your hand and had eaten to the inside. He left a few doses of medicine to ease her suffering but they tried to give her a dose and she could not open her mouth, her jaws were

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## NOTICES

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Please address me at Bonita Springs, Fla. until further notice.—E. Haynes, state overseer of Ohio.

This is to notify all concerned that Norman Warriner has been duly appointed clerk of the Church of God at LaBelle, Fla.—Yours truly, Mrs. J. B. Rudd.

As Brother Blankenship has placed me superintendent of the Y. P. E. in Pennsylvania, I take this means of getting in touch with you. We are looking for a wonderful year for God, His Church, and the Y. P. E. in Pennsylvania, but we must all pull together. Here are a few suggestions I would like to have carried out: 1. Take an offering once a month for the Bible School. Make this offering one dollar if possible, and send to me. 2. Get all the subscriptions you can for the Lighted Pathway, the official Y. P. E. paper, and sell a roll of extras. 3. Make a report every quarter to me, of number on roll and average attendance for the quarter. Come on, Y. P. E's, let us work while it is day. I have already visited several endeavors and will be on the road again soon. Work hard till I get to see you. If you want any information, write me.—Yours in the Master's service, Rolla C. Muncy, 503 Ohio St., Boswell, Pa.

## REQUESTS

Dear friends, pray for my daughter, Lois Williams, to be healed. She has been sick nearly seven weeks and the doctor doesn't know what is wrong with her, but God knows. Pray for our souls to be saved. We believe God can heal.—Your friend, Mattie Gleghorn, Cord, Ark.

I ask a special prayer that God will make a way for us at Ferrellsburg, W. Va. to get a place to worship. They have taken the schoolhouse from us and we have no place to worship. Every one pray for us. We have many adversaries here.—G. H. Brewster, pastor.

Pray a special prayer for our fourteen-month-old baby girl. She has been sick ever since we have been at our new work on the field this year. We are fully trusting the

Lord for our all in all. — Your brother in Him, W. L. Sharp, Star Rt., Oak Grove, La.

I am nine miles from a church but am praying God to open up a way that I can be in service and I know He is able. Help me pray that my home will be a place of prayer and worship. I praise Him for healing me.—A sister, Ada O'Neal, Purvis, Miss., Rt. 1.

Dear saints, please pray for God to heal me. I believe I have T. B. of the throat. I am fully trusting God. I am a child of God and a member of the Church of God at LaFayette, Ga. Please pray till your prayers go thru.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. E. Landers.

Will all who pray please pray for my husband? He is real sick and desires your prayers that he might be healed. Pray for me, that God will heal my body and that we will do what He wants us to do.—Your sister in the church, Mrs. Eudora Pearson, Donna, Tex.

Saints everywhere, we are asking your prayers for the revival here, conducted by Brother Hanks. Pray with us that God will convict sinners, save, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost and fire. We are not asking prayer because it is customary but we need the prayers of our brothers and sisters. I am in-

terested in the salvation of lost souls. Pray that God will help me to be a blessing to those I meet in my everyday life.—Alice Cance, St. George, W. Va.

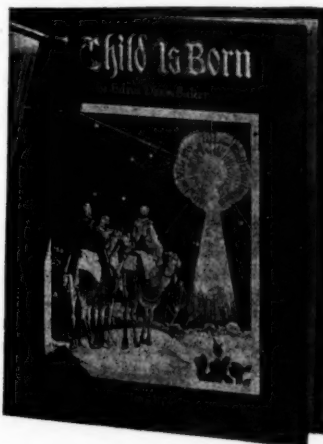
We have started an old time revival at Ocosta, Pa. This is a new place and we ask an interest in your prayers. Churches close by are invited to come over and help us. Services are in charge of the writer.—Rolla C. Muncy.

Please pray for my wife's sister who is suffering in her body. Pray that God will heal her if it is His will. Also pray for the Church of God in Nashville.—Your brother in Christ, Willie Lyle, 611 N. 2nd St., E. Nashville, Tenn.

## ILLINOIS MINISTERS' MEETING

On the evening of Nov. 23rd the Illinois ministers' meeting convened at Christopher, Ill., with the ministry of the state well represented as well as a good congregation of the laity. The meeting was opened by songs, prayer, scripture lesson and remarks by the state overseer. The evening discourse on "Co-operation" by J. R. Thomas was instructive and to the point. He stressed co-operation with state overseer and each other in monthly reports, missions, etc. This was followed by remarks from the state mission board as-

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## Christmas Book

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stiff.

When she got to where she could speak she called for the saints to pray for her. I with other of the saints went and when we got there her jaws were locked and she could not see. Her children were crying. She looked like she was dying. We knelt down and began to call on God. We were on our knees about twenty-five minutes when God touched her body and she came out of the bed shouting and praising God and told us God had healed her. This has been noised abroad and people have come to see the place where the cancer was. There is just a little red spot where it was. She is going on with her work. People are stirred here as never before. God is still healing people. Praise His dear name!—The pastor, Boone Powell.

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### SWEET PEACE IN MY SOUL

LAWTEY, Fla.—I praise the the Lord for salvation and victory over the devil and for the sweet peace in my soul. I praise Him because I can trust Him with both soul and body. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and healing my body many times. He's been real to me. I praise Him for healing me of acute indigestion sometime past at service. The dear saints just held on to God in prayer until God wonderfully healed me. Praise His dear name. He also healed me of kidney trouble the same time. Since then He healed me again of an awful burning in my stomach and vomiting. I have trusted Him nearly twelve years.

Oh, it is so sweet to trust in One who never loses a battle. I want to be a soul winner and be able to win a crown of life. The Lord blesses in our services and Sunday School. I ask the prayers of God's children that we may do more for God this year than ever before.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. L. Hicks.

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### GOD'S WILL BE DONE

WILLS POINT, Tex.—I praise God this evening for Jesus and His mighty power to save, sanctify and fill with the sweet Holy Ghost. I am really glad that I ever saw the light and walked in the light as far as I knew how. I love

The Church of God and all the teachings.

I'm glad of the mighty healing power of God. He has healed many times in our home. My husband was healed instantly of appendicitis one time but the old enemy afflicted him again with it a little over a month ago and God saw fit to carry him home. We always asked God's will to be done when we prayed. It was marvelous how the Lord worked. He never suffered severe pains. After the second day he was sick. God always touched him and gave him ease when he began to suffer, for which I truly praise and thank Him. He trusted God through it all. He was willing and ready to go if it was God's will to take him, he said. The Holy Ghost spoke thru him just a few moments before he left us. Oh such a comfort to know we can meet him again some day.

Saints, pray for us, there are just my little girl and me left to battle alone. We both have the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. We want to be a blessing to others and to hold out the light of the Word that others may see there is a reality in serving God.

If Sister Largin sees this please pray much for us. We longed to see you all once more but it didn't seem to be God's will. There is a day just ahead when we will all meet again to part no more. We have church twice a month here at Burnett Chapel schoolhouse, Sunday School and prayer meeting every week. We are praying

God will put Wills Point on the heart of some one and we will have a wonderful revival here soon. Pray for us to stand thru the trials and persecutions and pray for the work here that God will get hold of people and the work will be built up much in the coming year. May God bless all who read this.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Thelma Jones, Wills Point, Tex., Rt. 5.

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### HEALED IN JESUS' NAME

The sunshine of God's love and peace is flooding my soul this morning. How sweet it is to trust in Jesus. Our oldest child was born with an affected eye. The doctor treated him and we used medicine from another doctor but the eye grew worse. We sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse for the baby's healing when he was about six months old. We received the handkerchief and at Sunday morning service had the saints to pray for him and place the handkerchief over his eye, anointing him in the name of Jesus. Praise the Lord, his eye was healed. His eye ran all the time and was swollen until it was nearly shut. When we removed the handkerchief every one was watching the baby's eye. It began to open up and expand until it was as large as the other eye and in two days it wasn't even red.

The boy is five years old now and his eye is still well. Glory to God. He is our Healer. Our little boy's healing was the cause of  
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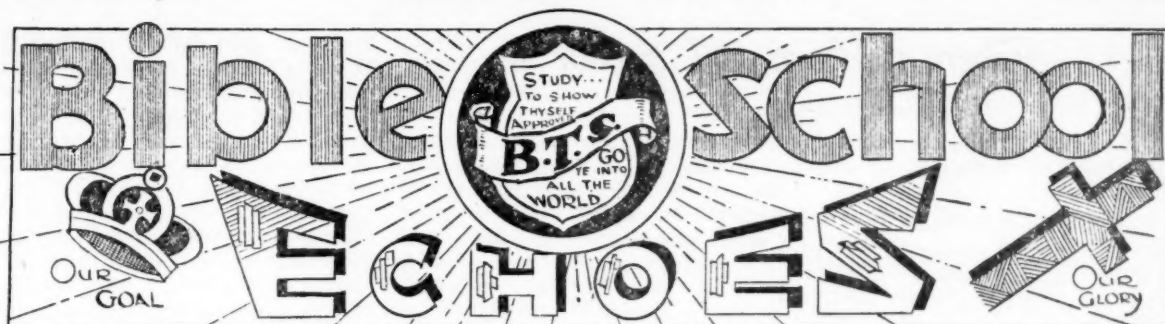
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### A LITTLE REMINDER

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. There has been something bearing upon my mind for some time to write about, so at this time I am going to write.

Last year there were some students in Bible School who did not have the funds to go through school on. They felt they must go, yet had to trust the Lord all the way thru. No doubt they spent many hours on their knees, weeping and praying for God to supply their needs. The burden was so great many times, perhaps, that they couldn't get into their lessons as they would like to have. They felt they were imposing on Brother Walker, yet felt they must stay in school if possible.

Brother Walker in turn, no doubt, felt he couldn't tell them to go even tho' they didn't have the money on the dot. It put both in an embarrassing position.

I am sure there are some there this year in the same condition. Some of our folks, perhaps, would just like to help this worthy cause out but just haven't thought about the matter. Now this is a little reminder, and it is almost Christmas time. Instead of spending so much on gifts for our friends, let us try to give something to help some boy or girl through school that they may get out on the battlefield for God.

George Poteat, a worthy young man, is in school this year, and I am sure he is there going by faith. His father and mother have been in pioneer work for years, not afraid to step out on the promises of God. They have suffered real suffering for the cause of Christ and the Church of God. It would be no more than fair now for us to help this young man thru school.

I hope all who read this will take it to heart and send something to help him along. If you don't want to send it direct to him, just send it to Brother Walker and I'm sure

he will get it. Remember the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, fortieth verse, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." God bless you.—In His service, Goldie Banks.

### B. T. S. MISSION NEWS

We, the students and faculty of B. T. S., are still praising and thanking God for our mission work. It seems that every one is ready to do service for God and we have no trouble with finance because this work is supporting itself. We ended last month's work with a balance of \$5.88 in the treasury, so you see, this work is a success in every way.

We failed to give a report of our services for Dec. 1st, but expect to be prompt hereafter unless something hinders. Following is a brief report of our services for

**Saturday, Dec. 8, 1934.**

Benton.—Services were held in the courthouse with a fair congregation. The party consisted of the Pioneer Quartet, F. D. O'Neal, Harry Hatcher and G. G. Patton as speaker. Good interest was shown and many asked for prayer.

Ringgold, Dalton, Ga. — This party went to Dalton for service Saturday night at the church. They are in a revival there in Dalton and the boys visited them. They expect to be back to Ringgold next Saturday for their services.

Cleveland.—It was a real cold day but there were about thirty students out to help in this service. We are not so much concerned with the weather, it is getting the Word of God to people who may never go to church and those who were there, I am sure, enjoyed the service. Brother Charles Crank's message on "Stop, Look, and Listen," was enjoyed. Brother Crank is one of our ablest speakers in B. T. S. and we certainly appreciate him being here in school with us.

Oak Grove.—This place is about

three miles from Cleveland and some have gone out there for the last three weeks for services on Sunday morning. Brother Archie McWilliams preached in all these services assisted by different ones in school.

Keep praying for us and some day we will meet on heaven's shore.—Yours in the Master's service, Woodrow C. Byrd, secretary.

### ABLE TO MAKE A WAY

I praise the Lord for the privilege of being back in Bible School another term. I came here last year trusting God to supply our needs, at which time the way looked dark, but He supplied our needs and I am back here again this term.

You who feel the need of better preparing yourselves for the Master's service, B. T. S. is the place for you. You who want to come to Bible School and it seems impossible, don't get discouraged, the Lord is still on the throne, He is able to make a way for you so pray until your prayers go through.

Pray that I will always stay in the will of God.—A brother in Christ, Vance Perkins, Macon, Ga.

### PRAYER ANSWERED

I truly praise God for the privilege I have of attending Bible Training School. Last summer I was helping in a meeting in Douglasville and when the meeting closed I was asked to go on and help in another meeting. I didn't feel led to go. When I went back home I begged God to fix me up for the work He had for me to do.

I was in Atlanta and heard a brother tell about the B. T. S. Oh, how my heart did long to go, but I didn't see any chance. About three weeks before the Assembly God made the way for me to come to school. Praise His great name! He can make a way where there seems to be no way.

Every one pray for me that I will get all from this school that I possibly can.—A student, Lorena Vollrath, Winston, Ga.

## There is Born A Savior

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more like Christ and this should be, I think, the method every one should adopt.

### Christ Anointed

The office title of a long promised and long expected Savior, denoting His kingly authority and mediatorial position as the Savior of the world, who made His appearance that night in the manger and all heaven's hosts witnessed His birth and His earthly career which began on this wonderful night. Jesus was His common name among men during His lifetime and He is generally so called in the Gospels, while Christ or Jesus Christ is commonly used in the Epistles. The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah.

"Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which is being interpreted, God with us." How simple, almost native, is the narrative. Wonderful, however, in the same way as in the old narrative when God said, Let there be light, so I am trying to say that the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was unique, wonderful, and yet human. Friendly and familiar as the birth of all babies who have made the living, sorrowing, rejoicing, singing, hoping generations of mankind to feel that divine supernatural love and power and uplift that only comes through the manifestations of God's love thru His divine Son. Jesus in His appearance in Bethlehem breaks the uniformity of the working of natural law. The natural law when fully adhered to by God's people only brought momentary relief to the hearts and conscience of the worshippers. Jesus with His supernatural power came to change the hearts of men, bringing gladness in place of sorrow and victory to the tempted and tried.

At this glad, happy season we want to hear the choir's chanting song; we want to hear the trumpet's blast in memory of the trumpet's voices as they came from the angels to the shepherds in Bethlehem. Such glorious strains of music had never rolled over the Bethlehem dales as were heard that calm and beautiful night, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy," said the tall angel as they introduced to the shepherds

their message of joy and gladness. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." It was good tidings indeed to have been told that this long-looked-for Messiah had actually come. The hope of Israel long deferred attained its fruiting. Has He been born? It is the historic Christ whose arrival the angels proclaimed. The people had the privilege of touching His baby hands and asked the question, "Art thou he that should come?" Jesus said, "Go and show John the things ye have seen," the actual Christ doing the very things for long ages the prophets had said the Messiah would do. The dream has come true, for even in our day we see the mighty workings of the Spirit which proves emphatically that Christ was born, lived, and died and was resurrected and ascended to the Father.

Here is one at last who is doing and has been doing all thru the centuries that which none other attempted; namely, saving the soul of man from sin. Prior to His coming the beast which should be offered for sin-stricken humanity resulted in little more than an improved moral and mental condition. But since He came those who trust and love and serve Him have the glorious reality of the blessings within, and feel and know for themselves the consciousness of sins forgiven. What the law could not do in that it was weak in the flesh, God by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh. He does not deal with symptoms but strikes at the disease itself. He does not announce some little program of readjustment but plainly announces, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." He does not say by rules or props or regulations but by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. He makes us free from the law of sin and death. He is a personal Savior to all who will come unto Him and be saved. Good tidings of great joy to all people.

I read a parable somewhere that compares or represents a man in a pit waiting and praying for deliverance. Buddhism comes and looks down upon the poor fellow in his misery and says, "You did not walk

in the pit, you did not run into it. In some previous state of incarnation you came into this pit." "Very true," says the man, "but what avails if you can do nothing to get me out?" We could mention many methods that are practiced by different cults and religious organizations. The man says, "I do not dispute your statement but how does that help me out?" The advisers and bystanders are helpless. But Jesus comes along and says, "Wilt thou be made whole? and without philosophy or theory, but with the grip of mighty love, He lifts the man out of his prison into the sunlight of His love and restores him to happiness. All religious theories and practices that do not liberate the prisoner from his prison and deliver the comers thereunto from the yoke of bondage certainly cannot be that that Jesus came to bring, but millions have felt His plastic hand and are the happy recipients of His love. Why should we not celebrate and be glad and happy on this wonderful day God's gift to the world?

One of the main things that those who oppose heartfelt religion have taken to offset and turn men and women away from the cross of Calvary is the trials and sufferings that Christians go thru. We visited a home where a woman was dying with consumption. After several of us had prayed for her and she turned to Jesus she lifted her bony hands and said in a feeble voice, "If Jesus is able, why doesn't He help me?" We visited her several times and she would always ask, "If Jesus is able, why doesn't He help me?" Of course we tried in the quietest and most sympathetic way we could to comfort her in her suffering and we often quoted to her, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," and she asked again, "Why doesn't He help me?" I could not help but think how utterly impossible it was for me, strong and vigorous, active and happy, to talk to her of God's love and realize her need of help as I should. I tried to put myself in her place and wondered if I would not see it in the same way, and often since that time as I have passed by her resting place I have thought of those words, "Why doesn't He help me?" In the face of such statements it seems so strange that in such times of suf-

fering God does not immediately relieve and heal those who have turned to Him, but I am persuaded to believe that God has methods and ways by which He can manifest His love, and, in fact, it is only thru His gift, His Son, that all these problems can be solved and we can rest confidently in Him. Perhaps this verse is quoted more than any other verse in the Bible, "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son." I do not believe we can fully appreciate and fully understand those words until we see the picture on the other side. Millions of God's children have suffered bitter torture at the hands of their own countrymen and have stood true to the last, but, oh, the joys that will come to those who are faithful. God is healing and blessing thousands of sufferers today and I am persuaded to believe that life beyond the river is the most blessed way God has of delivering those who are sufferers here.

I am thankful for the privilege of celebrating this birthday of our Savior with the thousands of happy hearts of the Church of God people in America and the islands of the sea, and in fact, I appreciate the fellowship and unity of all Christian believers. I hope it will be our aim and purpose not only to give gifts to our friends and loved ones to make them happy, but try to say something that will cheer the hearts of every fellow traveler as they pass thru this life to the life beyond. Oh, you talk about a Christmas festival, one with all of its beauty and grandeur, it will be a happy time for those who are fortunate enough to be resurrected and raptured when Jesus comes back. There will be seven years of glorious love and victory and power with Jesus with all the hosts of heaven. During this time we will have the marriage supper and at the close of the marriage supper Jesus will bring all the hosts of heaven with Him to reign on earth a thousand years. Won't this be worth all the sorrows and heartaches and trials we may have to endure! 1 Thess. 4:13-15; Dan. 9:27; Rev. 5:9, 10; Rev. 19.

### TESTIMONIES

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many believing in holiness and divine healing. We are both saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and members of the Church

of God. We desire an interest in the prayers of all that we may be humble and in His will. We want to do something for the Lord, He has done so much for us. This is our first year to pastor a church but we have had lots of experience as assistant pastor. Please help us to pray that God will bless our efforts and build up the church.—Yours for lost souls, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Friddle, Thomasville, Ala.,

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### DO YOUR BEST FOR JESUS

2 Cor. 8:12 "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath." We often hear people say there is nothing I can do. Yet when the Word teaches us a willing mind is accepted just think how easy it is just to be willing. We had a sister

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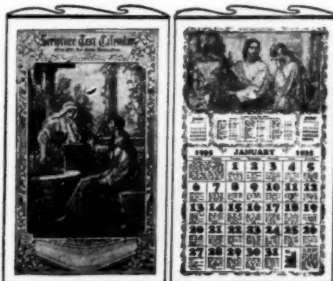
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who hadn't walked any in twelve months and the Lord blessed her and helped her to walk, saved, sanctified and filled her with the Holy Ghost. She said, "Now I want to do something for God who has done so much for me," so she was willing to use her one talent. She said, "I will open the doors of my home for service," and she did. We had a meeting there. She would pray and beg sinners to give their hearts to God, work in the altar faithfully. There were several souls blessed and some received the Holy Ghost and are now interested in The Church of God. Now if we are like Ruth, just willing to go, the Lord will bless our efforts. Children, the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Don't be afraid you will have to glean in the barley fields but be willing.

The Lord said He would show Brother Paul how great things He should suffer for His namesake and I feel He has some more that He will test if we will be willing to gather the scattering grain of the harvest. Lots of us would like to sit on the right hand of Jesus and the other on the left like Jamei and John's mother asked for them. If you will just be willing to drink of the cup that Jesus drank of and be baptized with the baptism he was baptized with, then the Father will give it to those for whom it is prepared. Don't bury your talent, do your best for Jesus and the reward is yours. Pray that I'll be willing to work.—A sister, Mrs. T. L. Little.

#### ILLINOIS MINISTERS' MEETING

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surging us that they would see that the mission money would be used to open new work, and not as had been the practice in Illinois before. At this time Brother Goins gave room for open discussion of the evening's proceedings. By the time the discussion ended you could see, hear and feel a spirit of co-operation among the ministers.

On Nov. 24th at 9:30 a. m. we were in service again with that good heavenly atmosphere all about us. After songs and prayers our state overseer made some interesting remarks about getting back to old time power and preaching. I. H. Marks then spoke to the ministers using 2 Tim. 4:5; 2 Cor. 6:1 for his text. He stressed

the minister's experience, prayer life, humility, doctrine, vision of the lost, boldness and many other things as only Marks could say, which made the message very impressive. Following the message Brother Goins introduced a plan to buy a tent for the state. After some discussion we adopted the plan that we raise an amount equal to five cents per member each month. This was followed by a good dinner in the basement of the church which the good sisters of the local church had prepared.

At 1:00 p. m. we met again with the same good spirit prevailing. A resolution (drawn by a committee appointed by the overseer) was read and adopted, making the tent to be used in Illinois exclusively and for opening new work or state meetings only. The resolution also placed the state overseer (chairman) and the district overseers to supervise the state tent. This was followed by a brief talk by the writer on "Getting into new Fields." Each minister seemed to feel his need of old time power, God-sent messages and Pentecostal services to attract attention of others. The last subject of discussion was a state broadcasting program. It was agreed that the state put on a program over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill., each Monday at the hour of 3:00 p. m. to 3:45 p. m., the expense to be met by offerings from the local churches. Brother J. R. Thomas was chosen as business manager of the broadcast. The programs will be made up of talent from the various churches. At 3:30 p. m. we closed with a spirit of co-operation, zeal and determination to put Illinois over the top for The Church of God. Help us!—Stanley Joplin, clerk of meeting.

#### MINOT DISTRICT CONVENTION

We're glad to report that the Minot District Convention which convened in Minot the 27th and 28th of October was a success; and we can say that because the Lord was there to bless from the very beginning. The convention opened Saturday evening with a good representation from the various churches in the district. After Sister Stromswold brought the welcome address, which made us feel right at home, Sister Carrie Butler delivered the message of the evening. It was a message of

truth and soberness that made us all feel our need of drawing nearer to the Lord.

Throughout the convention there was much special music and singing and the Lord blessed in every service.

Sunday morning Sister Blom spoke in behalf of the Sunday School work and impressed upon our minds the need of a good Sunday School, the part it plays in the church, and ways of increasing the Sunday School. Following this Brother D. L. Lemons spoke in interest of the young people's work. We believe Brother Lemons has the work of the young people at heart and that he will prove a blessing to them. At the close of the morning session our state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker, brought to our attention many items of interest pertaining to the work in the Northwest. In the afternoon he brought us the message, "The Church and the Pastor," and I believe I speak the sentiment of all the saints when I say it was just what we needed.

In the evening the service opened with a half hour of special music and singing. The church was packed. Brother Bowen brought us an inspiring message which was followed by a good altar service. At the close of this, our first district convention, every one seemed inspired and encouraged to press on and do more for the Lord than ever before.—Miss Edna Grove.

#### ELECTRA DIST. CON.—W. TEX. PREACHERS' MEETING

The Electra district convention, and West Texas preachers' conference has come and gone, but its memories are still with us, and its influence is still to be seen and felt at the church of God, Electra, Texas.

Friday, Nov. 16, about 2:00 o'clock, the people began coming in and we could see that they had a good time with them. It was not hard to take care of them as the good people of Electra had brought plenty in to feed them on already.

Many said it was the best convention they had ever had in Electra. Brother Johnson was here with his smiles, and Brother Lewis Waters and wife were here with their singing, also the Bernett Sisters from Wills Point and oh, such singing as they did do! One would

have had to hear them to know all about it. The preachers from all over West Texas were here, and every preacher in the district was not only here, but here to work.

Friday night, 7 o'clock, found us all at our place. It was not long until we could tell that God was with us, and He is always welcome in our midst. Such singing as you would expect at such a place, was conducted by Brothers Waters and G. W. Lane.

All day Saturday we were in business. I believe we will see the Church rise and shine in Texas this year, if we do all we learned that day. Brother Johnson's talk on "The Good Minister" was enjoyed by all present. Then came the treat of all Saturday night, Brother C. C. Cox of Fort Worth gave us the scriptural outline of the Church. He came to the stand without a Bible, but we soon decided he needed no Bible, as he quoted ninety or more scriptures on the Church. Thanks to Brother Cox, come again.

Sunday morning came the Y. P. E. program with Brothers Waters and G. W. Lane and Sister Willie Lee Darter in charge. To say it was fine would be putting it mild. God was there. We are surely looking for a program by the Y. P. E. in Texas this year, that will mean some new churches. Then came Brother Henry with his broad smiles to tell us how to raise money for the local church. At 11:15 a. m. a message was given by the writer on "The Importance of Sound Doctrine." Our good people of Electra had provided a nice spread for noon and we had plenty of good dinner at the church.

At 2:30 p. m. we were back in service. Wonderful singing, shouting, dancing, speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues, and a general good time followed. Then we had messages from Sisters Davis and Brounce on the woman's Willing Workers Band. Reports from the churches of the district were fine and we are going in for all we can this year.

Sunday night Brother Johnson brought a soul stirring message on the Bride. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The convention closed in a blaze of Pentecostal fire.

The preachers went home with their sleeves rolled up (so to (Continued on page 16)

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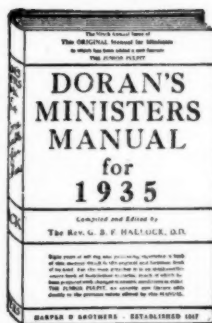
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speak) and with their hearts aflame with the fire of the Holy Ghost and going out to a dying world. Those who know Brother Johnson know how he depends on the Lord, and how he will stop any time to let people seek the Lord, and that is what would happen all along. We are looking for the Church of God to rise and shine this year in Texas. Our goal is a 25 per cent gain, so help us pray. —A. V. Beaubé.

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### GAINING GROUND FOR JESUS

I am glad to report a good revival which closed at Paxton, Ind. in which eleven souls were saved and five sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. At the beginning of this revival the church above mentioned was without a pastor in a somewhat despondent condition. It is now a place of much rejoicing because Jesus has blessed in their midst and the church in general is revived. The outlook for the church is better now than it ever was before. The church is moving to a larger place of worship, into a brick building. It is only through the goodness of the Lord that this has been made possible. A member of the Christian Church donated the use of the building. The Church of God is finding favor with the people in the surrounding community.

Brother Edwin Mortenson of Ryder, N. Dak. did the preaching and Floyd Standifer, Lois Skinner and Forest Burns assisted in the music and song. The four of them arranged a quartet and now sing in the services in the churches of Indiana.

While the meeting was being held at Paxton I visited the church and we had a service in which we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. There was such a large attendance it was impossible for them to get in the building. The church at Paxton wishes to keep Brother Mortenson as their pastor. I haven't yet decided as I have in view a new place that I believe by much prayer may be opened for a good Church of God. — C. H. Standifer, overseer of the Church of God in Indiana.

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### DIST. MEETING, GREENSBORO, N. C.

Our district convention convened at Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 16, 17, beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday was given to arranging the work

on the district. Each church was represented and pastors arranged for all. Our overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, seemed to be at his best. All were encouraged as we heard the good advice. We also heard a number of good messages by preachers of the district and visiting preachers. The mighty presence and power of the Holy Ghost was felt, at which time a message was given by the Holy

Ghost. All were made to rejoice. Time and space will not permit us to tell all about this good convention. All are welcome and have a hearty invitation by our district pastor, W. M. Stallings, to work on this district, if they are standing for the Church of God.—C.W. Way, clerk.

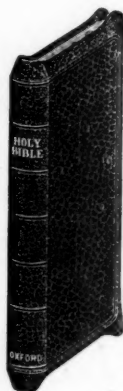
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